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For: **METHOD FOR AUTHENTICATING A PORTABLE OBJECT, CORRESPONDING PORTABLE OBJECT, AND APPARATUS THEREFOR**

McLean, Virginia

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

After the title and before the first paragraph [0001], insert the following:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****1. Field of the Invention.**

This invention relates to product security, and more particularly to a system and method for verifying the authenticity of a product or service in connection with a personal, business, or commercial transaction.

**2. Description of the Related Art--**